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SUBJECT: TURNING UP THE HEAT: HIGH-LEVEL JOINT COMMISSION
MEETING PLANNED

REF: NDJAMENA 60

Classified By: Political/Economic Officer Kathleen FitzGibbon for reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

1. (U) Summary: Chad will host a high-level meeting of the Joint Commission on the Humanitarian Cease-fire for Darfur on February 15. The meeting will include the presidents of Nigeria, Sudan, and Gabon, and the foreign ministers of other countries, according to Chadian Foreign Minister Nagoum Yamassoum. The Chad mediation team requested that the international community pressure all the parties to respect the cease-fire and come to the meeting prepared to overcome the current impasse. End Summary.

2. (U) On February 4, Minister of Foreign Affairs Nagoum Yamassoum convoked the diplomatic corps to announce that the next meeting of the Joint Commission on the Humanitarian Cease-Fire for Darfur would include the presidents of Nigeria, Sudan, and Gabon and the Foreign Ministers of Libya and Egypt and other countries affected by the crisis. Yamassoum explained that during the recent summit of African leaders in Abuja, Chad expressed its frustration that the Joint Commission and the Abuja peace process remain blocked and appealed to the heads of state to become involved to break through the impasse. As a result, a committee consisting of Nigeria, Libya, Egypt, and Chad was established to focus on moving the peace process forward. Yamassoum, Chairman of the Joint Commission Mahamat Ali, and Special Advisor to the Presidency Allam-mi will travel throughout the region next week to deliver the invitations for the meeting to various heads of state. (Comment: The Nigerian Consul in N'Djamena said he had no word on whether or not President Obasanjo would be attending the meeting. End Comment.)

13. (C) Yamassoum and Ali appealed for support from the international community in preparation for the meeting. Ali said that Chad has done as much as it can and that only concerted pressure at the highest levels will get the peace process moving. (See Reftel.) This includes pressuring the Government of Sudan to disarm the jandjaweed. In addition, Yamassoum said that the rebel movements must be told to give their locations to the African Union Cease-fire Commission, and as an aside, "canton themselves". P/E officer asked Yamassoum what he meant by "canton themselves" as this is not a requirement for the rebel movements under existing agreements. He explained that the movements need to disengage and stay in their positions. (Comment: Chadian officials often use the phrase "cantonment", an indication of their own wishful thinking because they tell us the jandjaweed are not likely to disarm if they fear a rebel attack. End Comment.) Finally, Yamassoum said that he hoped that international community would ensure that the movements come to N'Djamena with their highest level of representation.

14. (C) Ali and Allam-mi will be discussing the meeting later today with the rebel movements. Meanwhile, Adam Shogar from the Sudan Liberation Movement told P/E officer that Daoussa Deby had been advising them on their leadership problems.

Shogar also said that it is highly unlikely that Mini Minawi would come to Chad for the meeting. It is more likely that Dr. Sharif Harir would attend, his health permitting, because Harir is apparently coming to N'Djamena next week to consult with Shogar on SLM issues. Shogar and Ahmed Lissan Togud, the Justice and Equality Movement, are set to meet with Gen. Ali and Allam-mi later in the evening of February 4, presumably to be informed of the upcoming meeting. Shogar said that he would call Mini Minawi after the meeting with the Chad mediators to discuss SLM's attendance at the meeting.

15. (C) Comment: The Chad mediation team is relieved it has been able to arrange a high level meeting. At a minimum, the mediators expect the meeting could result in a renewed effort by the parties to respect the cease-fire. Without respect for the cease-fire, the Chadians do not believe it makes sense to begin another round of negotiations in Abuja. We urge Washington to send a senior representative to the February 15 meeting.

16. (U) Khartoum and Tripoli Minimize Considered.
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